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Live@Edu

More and more teachers are using Microsoft Live to save files on the SkyDrive. In April, Joe Spatola emailed everyone at Fox Meadow an instructional PDF showing how to do various functions on Microsoft Live. Please email him if you didn't get a copy or would like him to send along another. The Technology Committee is also available to help with any questions you may have about Microsoft Live. Once again, the login format is as follows...

Website: www.live.com



Windows Live ID:
firstname.lastname@students.pnwbores.org

Password (initially):
1234567

Wireless Internet

Wifi is working in all buildings (including building 9). Laptops and netbooks can travel from destination to destination. Please let someone on the Tech Committee know if you are experiencing trouble with wifi. Be sure to call the Help Desk at X371, too!

Generic Login

There is no need for students to be using "specific" computers and/or personal logins anymore. We have a generic login for the students. They can then save their work on Microsoft Live.

Generic Login:
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12345

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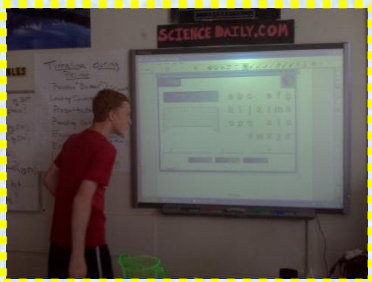
Clip of the Month

Instructional Technology:

Looking Backward, Thinking Forward

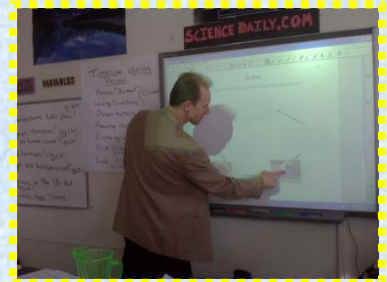
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdwEli22Dv8>

This video is a brief snapshot of the past 100+ years of educational technology. Peruse through the different tools used in the past and chuckle at some of the quotes about the future of computers. The video leaves us with the question, "Where do we go from here?"



Teacher Spotlight

Will Brightman



How are you using the SMART Board in the classroom?

I use several of the manipulatives that come with the Notebook software. The students are engaged solving problems in a daily warm-up activity as well as in an "exit ticket" format. I am developing a library of these interactive activities. I also search the internet on a daily basis to see what valuable learning sites are available for the students to view or **interact** with. In science, there are many interactive displays. In fact, last week we completed a state lab in genetics, and DNA analysis was part of the lab. We found a highly interactive DNA analysis website that demonstrated the exact approach scientists use to analyze DNA.

How does it impact student achievement?

The SMART Board Notebook has been a particularly helpful tool as it helps to engage the students in a way that cannot be accomplished with pen and paper. They truly enjoy going up to the board and moving the questions and answers around and getting immediate feedback. It is another tool that helps my students to retain the necessary information. This, in turn, will help to improve overall achievement. I have observed positive behavioral changes as the students want to participate in this fun activity.

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Microsoft Quick Tip:

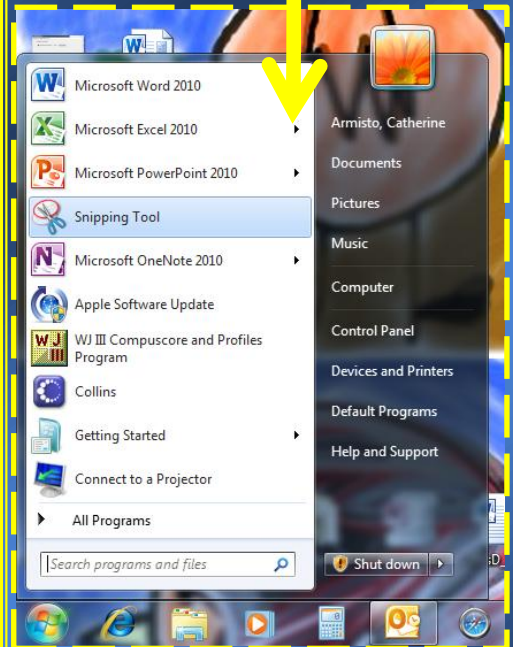
Using Snipping Tool to Capture Screen Shots

You can use Snipping Tool (found in your menu) to capture a screen shot, or *snip*, of any object on your screen, and then annotate, save, or share the image. Simply use a mouse or tablet pen to capture any of the following types of snips:

- **Free-form Snip.** Draw an irregular line, such as a circle or a triangle, around an object.
- **Rectangular Snip.** Draw a precise line by dragging the cursor around an object to form a rectangle.
- **Window Snip.** Select a window, such as a browser window or dialog box that you want to capture.
- **Full-screen Snip.** Capture the entire screen when you select this type of snip.

After you capture a snip, it's automatically copied to the mark-up window, where you can annotate, save, or share the snip.

For more information, go to <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Use-Snipping-Tool-to-capture-screen-shots>



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SYNC Summer Reading Titles have been announced! Every week, from 6/23/11 – 8/17/11, SYNC offers a set of FREE audiobooks! One book is a popular young adult novel, while the other audiobook is a summer reading classic. Some of these audiobooks would normally cost around \$40 so take advantage of them while they are free. Keep them for years to come! Here is the release schedule. Visit www.audiobooksync.com and follow the download instructions. Mark your calendars!

Available June 23 - June 29

Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare

Available June 30 - July 6

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

The Trial by Franz Kafka

Available July 7 - July 13

Where the Streets Had a Name by Randa Abdel-Fattah

A Passage to India by E. M. Forster

Available July 14 - July 20

The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch by Joseph Delaney

Beowulf by Francis B. Gummere [Trans.]

Available July 21 - July 27

Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton

Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

Available July 28 - August 3

Ashes, Ashes by Jo Treggiari

Rescue: Stories of Survival From Land and Sea by Dorcas S. Miller [Ed.]

Available August 4 - August 10

Immortal by Gillian Shields

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

Available August 11 - August 17

Storm Runners by Roland Smith

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

